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SUBJ: SADAT'S VIEWS OF POSITIVE PASSAGES IN HIS JULY
16 SPEECH

REF (A) CAIRO 11879, (B) CAIRO 11816,

1. PRES SADAT CALLED ME AT 2100 LOCAL ON SECURE PHONE.
HE WAS IN GOOD SPIRITS AND ASKED IF I HAD HEARD HIS SPEECH.
WHEN I SAID THAT I HAD, HE NOTED THAT HE HAD SPECIFICALLY
REAFFIRMED UN RES 242 AND HAD SPOKEN ABOUT WHAT HE CALLED
"RECOGNITION" OF ISRAEL. HE WANTED PRES CARTER TO HAVE
THE VERBATIM TEXT OF HIS PERTINENT REMARKS AND ASKED THAT
I CONTACT FAHMY IMMEDIATELY TO GET THE TEXTS. SADAT ALSO SAID
THAT HE HAS GIVEN AN INTERVIEW TO AL-AHRAM, WHICH WILL APPEAR
ON MONDAY, JULY 18. IN WHICH HE INVITES ALL EGYPTIAN JEWS
WHO LEFT EGYPT TO RETURN AND ASSURES THEM THEY WILL HAVE FULL
AND EQUAL RIGHTS WITH OTHER EGYPTIAN CITIZENS. SADAT HOPED
THAT ALL OF THESE THINGS WOULD BE HELPFUL TO PRES CARTER IN
UPCOMING TALKS.

2. I THEN CONTACTED FAHMY, WHO ARRANGED THAT I COULD PICK UP
AT MFA VERBATIM TEXTS OF PERTINENT PASSAGES AT 2100. I HAVE
JUST COME FROM THERE. TEXTS WHICH WERE GIVEN TO ME FOLLOW:

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A. UN RES 242 - FRAMEWORK OF SETTLEMENT:

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WE WORK WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS
ADOPTED BY THE UN, ESPECIALLY ITS SECURITY COUNCIL, THESE
RESOLUTIONS NOT ONLY REFLECT THE COLLECTIVE WILL OF THE IN-
TERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO TRANSLATE INTERNATIONAL

PRINCIPLES NOW ESTABLISHED IN THW WORLD CONSCIENCE AS WELL AS IN THE UN CHARTER. THE DISCUSSIONS THAT OUGHT TO TAKE PLACE AT THE GENEVA CONF ARE DISCUSSIONS THAT SHOULD AIM AT (IMPLEMENTING) THE NORMS OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. THE ESSENTIALS OF THESE NORMS WERE SPECIFIED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN SUCH A WAY THAT MADE THEM COMPLEMENTARY AND INTERRELATED. THE PRIME OBJECTIVE, ON WHICH THERE CAN BE NO DIFFERENCE OF VIEW, IS THAT SUCH A SETTLEMENT AIMS AT ENDING THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY IN THE AREA AND, AS A RESULT, REALIZING A JUST PEACE. MOREOVER, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS ALREADY SPECIFIED THE ESSENTIALS OF PEACE; IT HAS SPECIFIED THEM IN THE ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER AND IN THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE UN, ESPECIALLY SC RES 242, WHICH EGYPT ACCEPTED AND STILL ABIDES BY.

AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE UK WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFTING RES 242. ISRAEL, HOWEVER, HAS NEVER CEASED TO PROPOGATE DIVERSE INTERPRETATIONS CONCERNING SOME OF THE ARTICLES OF THAT RESOLUTION. NOWMMMMX, THE RECENT STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE EEC, ON JUNE 28, HAS PUT AN END TO SUCH ISRAELI PROPOGATIONS. IT HAS PUT MATTERS IN THEIR PROPER PERSPECTIVE BASED ON INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY. THE PACE INGREDIENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE (EEC) STATEMENT ARE:

- (1) THE INADMISSABILITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE.
 - (2) AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE TERMINATION OF ISRAELI OCCUPATION
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OF ARAB LAND, WHICH IT HAS OCCUPIED SINCE JUN 1967. IT IS INCONCEIVABLE BY ANY STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION THAT PEACE AND OCCUPATION CAN CO-EXIST. THE REASON FOR THIS IS BECAUSE THAT OCCUPATION IS BOTH A MANIFESTATION AND A RESULT OF WAR. ACCORDINGLY, NO INTERPRETATION CAN BE VIABLE IF IT ASSERTS THAT PEACE CAN BE REALIZED WHILE THE OCCUPATION BY FORCE CONTINUES OF ANY PART OF THE ARAB LANDS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS CLEAR WHEN IT ADOPTED RES 242. UNQTE

B. EEC STATEMENT AND RESOLUTION 242:

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IN OUR OPINION THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE EEC REPRESENTS A CORRECT AND SUITABLE BASIS FOR THE GENEVA CONF. THIS IS BECAUSE THE STATEMENT EMANATS FROM NORMS AND PRINCIPLES OF LEGITIMACY AND IS IN CONFORMITY WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242. UNQTE

C. NATURE OF PEACE:

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OUR READINESS TO SIGN A PEACE TREATY SHOULD BE CLEAR, THE POLITICAL AND LEGAL MEANING OF THIS BEING THAT WE ARE READY

TO TERMINATE THE STATE OF WAR IN ITS POLITICAL AND LEGAL SENSE. IT ALSO MEANS THAT ISRAEL, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS HISTORY, WILL BE ALLOWED LEGAL EXISTENCE WITHIN BORDERS. THE REAL CHALLENGE (OF THIS) IS TO BE ABLE TO MAKE USE OF THIS POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT TO MOVE TOWARD REAL PEACE EVENTUALLY, LEADING TO A CLEAR RESULT WHICH IS THAT ISRAEL WILL BECOME, IF SHE REMAINS COMMITTED TO INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY, ONE OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST LIVING IN PEACE WITHIN RECOGNIZED BORDERS. THAT IS THE PRICE OF PEACE AND THAT IS THE REAL CHALLENGE THAT WE ARE OFFERING. UNQTE

3. AMRE MOUSSA, FAHMY'S AIDE, WHO WAS AT MFA TO GIVE ME THE VERBATIM TEXT, EXPLAINED THAT THE PRES'S REFERENCE TO THE UK'S DRAFTING OF RES 242 AND THE EEC STATEMENT WAS INTENDED TO POINT SECRET

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OUT THAT, AFTER ISRAELI ATTEMPTS TO DISTORT THE MEANING OF RES 242 WITH RESPECT TO THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, THE RECENT EEC STATEMENT, MADE UNDER UK CHAIRMANSHIP, HAD AGAIN SET MATTERS STRAIGHT BY EMPHASIZING THE INADMISSABILITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE.

4. COMMENT: IN TERMS OF WHAT WE HAD HOPED FOR, I AM AFRAID THE PRESIDENT'S PERTINENT PASSAGES ARE RATHER LEAN PICKINGS. HE, HOWEVER, CLEARLY BELIEVES THAT HE HAS GONE A LONG WAY TO MEET OUR DESIRES AND HOPES THEY MAY BE OF USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CARTER/BEGIN TALKS. WHEN IT COMES TO THE ARAB/ISRAELI EQUATION, EVERYTHING IS RELATIVE. IF ONE IS LOOKING FOR THE POSITIVE, SADAT DID REAFFIRM GOE ADHERENCE TO RES 242 AND SPOKE OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF ISRAEL LIVING IN PEACE IN THE AREA WITHIN RECOGNIZED BORDERS. THAT IS ABOUT ALL THAT ONE CAN WRING OUT OF THE ABOVE PASSAGES.. EILTS

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